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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MINISTER OF CULTURE

1. DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR ON MINISTER OF CULTURE A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS TOUCHING ON BILATERAL CULTURAL RELATIONS AND HUNGARIAN CULTURAL POLICY WERE DISCUSSED.

2. ORBAN STATED GOH WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE EXPANDING CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH U.S., ADDING PROVISIO THAT IT MUST CONSIST OF QUOTE TRUE CULTURAL VALUES AND NOT POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA MATERIALS UNQUOTE. TO AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT HUNGARIAN DRAFT ON EXCHANGES AGREEMENT PRESENTLY UNDER STUDY IN WASHINGTON, ORBAN REPLIED THAT QUOTE SOME THINGS TAKE LONG TIME TO MATURE UNQUOTE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTIONS, ORBAN SAID THAT INCREASED GENERAL EDUCATION AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES IN HUNGARY AND HIGHER IDEOLOGIC CONTENT OF SAME WOULD NOT AFFECT OR RESTRICT FUTURE CULTURAL RELATIONS OR ACTIVITIES WITH U.S.

4. ORBAN ALSO STATED THAT RECENT SEPARATION OF MINISTRIES OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION WAS PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION SINCE COMBINED MINISTRY HAD BECOME TOO BIG.

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HE CLARIFIED FORTHCOMING LAW ON GENERAL EDUCATION DEALS

WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MEANS TO BETTER
COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF DIVERSE AGENCIES AND WOULD
NOT DEAL WITH SUBSTANCE OF CULTURAL OR EDUCATIONAL
POLICY.
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